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NEWS RELEASE



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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 16
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-16-12

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 16 opens drift gillnetting in all waters of the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet normally open to drift gillnetting (see 5AAC 21.200(b) and 5AAC 21.350(b)) on Thursday, July 19, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* 5AAC 21.353 states that from July 16 through July 31, at run strengths of 2,300,000 to 4,600,000 sockeye salmon to the Kenai River, fishing during one regular 12-hour fishing period per week will be restricted to either the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict or Drift Gillnet Area 1. The fishing period on Monday, July 16, was restricted to Drift Gillnet Area 1. This commercial fishing announcement opens drift gillnetting in those waters of the Central District that are normally open to drift gillnetting on Thursday, July 19, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Drifters are also reminded that because set gillnetting is closed in the Upper Subdistrict that drifting within one mile of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline north of the Kenai River and within one and one-half miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline south of the Kenai River is closed until further notice.